

ABSTRACT

A burial container having an enclosure for a body and an opening in the bottom to permit earth to be communicated into the container and allow the body within to be in contact with the earth. At the same time, the body is enclosed, in accordance with a number of existing laws regarding burial. In preferred embodiments, a mound of earth is placed within the container having a slope that causes the body to reside on its side, so that it may face Mecca. A burial field is placed atop the ground surface rather than below it and with an engineered drainage field beneath the containers groundwater is not affected. The resulting graves are then above the previous natural ground and the entire field will have the appearance of a mound. A burial field may be established that contains a plurality of burial containers that are oriented such that, upon burial, bodies will face toward Mecca.